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ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Negotiating Text of The Convention

Corrigendum

1. Following review of the negotiating text of the Convention by the International Panel of Experts on Desertification (IPED) and further review by the Secretariat, several changes and corrections are proposed. The only modifications of significance, which relate to the definitions and an addition to Article 22, are the result of suggestions by IPED members at their meeting held in Geneva, from 29 November to 1 December 1993.

2. Delegates are, therefore, invited to make the following changes to the negotiating text circulated as document A/AC.241/15. Most of the changes apply to all languages but several of them apply only to the French text.

Changes to the French text only:

(a) Article 10 (1) (e), line 2:

Replace autochtones by locales

(b) Article 19 (1) (c), line 2:

Replace indigènes by autochtones

(c) Article 19 (1) (d), line 3:

Replace autochtone by local

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Changes in all languages:

(a) Second preambular paragraph, line 1:

Replace drylands by areas

(b) Tenth preambular paragraph, line 3:

Replace Plan of Action for Combatting Desertification by United Nations Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

(c) Article 1 (1) (c), first two lines:

The first two lines of the definition of "land degradation" should read: "land degradation" means reduction or loss of the biological productivity and complexity of rainfed...

(d) Article 1 (1) (c) (iii):

Delete entirely

(e) Article 1 (1) (d), line 5:

Replace the bracketed portion by: 0 degrees

(f) Article 1 (2), line 1:

After with add [the Scientific and Technological Council and]

(g) Article 11 (f), line 5:

Replace marginal by fragile

(h) Article 11 (h), line 5:

Replace exploiting fossil by suitable exploitation of ground

(i) Article 11 (k), line 2:

Replace in accordance by consistent

(j) Article 12 (e):

After joint add ,environmentally sound

(k) Article 16 (2), line 3:

Replace countries by country Parties

(l) Article 18 (1) (a) (iii), line 3:

Replace areal by aereal

(m) Article 18 (2), line 2:

After Council add established in accordance with Article 26] and in cooperation with competent organizations and institutions,

(n) Article 21 (3) (e), line 1:

Replace dryland areas by affected areas, elaborate appropriate school curricula

(o) Article 21 (3) (f), line 2:

Delete throughout school curricula

After adult add , distance

(p) Article 22 (1) (e), line 1:

Replace new methods of innovative by innovative methods of